

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1, 9 and 16.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A strap [according to Claim 1 for a user] for preventing the airway obstruction of a user, comprising in combination:
a support for the chin of the user;
a first support for a first mandible of the user;
a second support for the second mandible of the user; and
means for securing the strap to the head of the user, wherein the first mandible support
is affixed to one side of the chin support and the second mandible support is
affixed to the opposite side of the chin support, wherein when the strap is
opened flat, the first mandible support is at an angle to the second mandible
support of from about 90 degrees to about 140 degrees.
3. (Currently Amended) A strap according to Claim 2 [Claim 1] for a user, wherein when the strap is opened flat, the first mandible support is at an angle to the second mandible support of from about 100 degrees to about 120 degrees.
4. (Currently Amended) A strap according to Claim 2 [Claim 1] for a user, wherein when the strap is opened flat, the first mandible support is at an angle to the second mandible support of approximately 110 degrees.
5. (Currently Amended) A strap according to Claim 2 [Claim 1] for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of from about 40 degrees to about 80 degrees.

6. (Currently Amended) A strap according to Claim 2 [Claim 1] for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of from about 50 degrees to about 70 degrees.
7. (Currently Amended) A strap according to Claim 2 [Claim 1] for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of approximately 60 degrees.
8. (Currently Amended) A strap according to Claim 2 [Claim 1], wherein the first mandible support and the second mandible support are each from about 1.5 inches wide to about 3 inches wide.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Original) A strap according to Claim 8 for a user, wherein when the strap is opened flat, the first mandible support is at an angle to the second mandible support of from about 100 degrees to about 120 degrees.
11. (Original) A strap according to Claim 8 for a user, wherein when the strap is opened flat, the first mandible support is at an angle to the second mandible support of approximately 110 degrees.
12. (Original) A strap according to Claim 8 for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of from about 40 degrees to about 80 degrees.
13. (Original) A strap according to Claim 8 for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of from about 50 degrees to about 70 degrees.

14. (Original) A strap according to Claim 8 for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of approximately 60 degrees.
15. (Currently Amended) A strap according to Claim 2 [Claim 1}, wherein the first mandible support and the second mandible support are each from about 1.75 inches wide to about 2.25 inches wide.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Original) A strap according to Claim 15 for a user, wherein when the strap is opened flat, the first mandible support is at an angle to the second mandible support of from about 100 degrees to about 120 degrees.
18. (Original) A strap according to Claim 15 for a user, wherein when the strap is opened flat, the first mandible support is at an angle to the second mandible support of approximately 110 degrees.
19. (Original) A strap according to Claim 15 for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of from about 40 degrees to about 80 degrees.
20. (Original) A strap according to Claim 15 for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of from about 50 degrees to about 70 degrees.
21. (Original) A strap according to Claim 15 for a user, wherein when the strap is closed, the chin support is at an angle to the main plane of the strap of approximately 60 degrees.